

Remarks

Claims 11, 12, 14-17, 26, 27, and 32 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 9, 10, 13, 18-20, 22-24, 28-30, 33, and 34 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. An Abstract of the Disclosure is also submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. R. Witt", written in a cursive style.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An industrial-strength scrim is made of thermoplastic tapes woven together in a twill weave, in which the weft tapes cross over at least two successive warp tapes and under at least one successive warp tape, in a repeating pattern. Such weave permits more tapes per inch to be accommodated in the scrim than for a plain weave, producing a scrim having greater mechanical strength, less cramming and folding of tapes and a smoother surface with fewer voids, suitable for coating.